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Dear Burr,

You remember I asked you to keep your eyes open for some promising students who might be interested in microbial genetics. John Reiner brought up Jane Harting's name. This inquiry is probably very premature because Jane doesn't so much as know yet about the possibilities here, and she may not be interested, but I'll have to work fast if she is, and the more and better information I can have the better. Inasmuch as she worked for you last summer, you might be in a favorable position to judge whether she has the temperament, brains and skill for a scientific future. John implied that she was leaving medical school and would be looking for a place to do graduate work. She impressed me quite favorably during our fleeting contact last summer, and did seem interested in bacterial genetics. What would be your ideas on the subject?

Hope you reached home without trouble. Esther and I were rather late to leave and were tied up tanglewise by the storms.

Sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg